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January 9, 2006

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Dear M. Strickland:

The National Park Service appreciates your early coordination on projects and proposals that may affect national park units. However, I am concerned that your company sends us multiple coordination letters regarding the same project. To save us time and confusion in the future, I ask that you send us one coordination letter per project and address it to myself at the above address. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact me at (303) 969-2851.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Eckhardt  
NEPA/106 Specialist

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***Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 436X) BNSF Railway Company—  
Abandonment Exemption – in Park County, WY***

Dear Mr. Gardner:

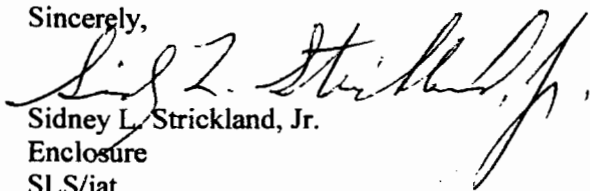
On or about January 11, 2006, BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") plans on filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 0.11 miles of railroad line between Milepost 42.59 and Milepost 42.70 near Cody in Park County, Wyoming. Attached are Environmental and Historic Reports describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing these reports so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historic analyses of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001, Telephone (202) 565-1545, and refer to the above Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 436X). Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and/or historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned by telephone at (202) 295-4024 or by mail at Sidney Strickland and Associates, PLLC, 3050 K Street, N.W., Suite 101, Washington, DC 20007.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.  
Enclosure  
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The National Park Service reviewed this project, and determined that no parks will be affected; therefore, we have no comments.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Date: December 16, 2005

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Subject: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 436X) BNSF Railway Company-  
Abandonment Exemption-Park County, WY

Dear Mr. Strickland:

The National Park Service has reviewed the subject project and has determined that there are no National Park Service units affected. In addition, per our NPS National Landmarks office, there are no National Natural Landmarks affected. In view of this, the National Park Service has no comments on this project.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact Ms Cheryl Eckhardt at (303) 969-2851.

Sincerely,

*W. Wayne Gardner*

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*Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 436X) BNSF Railway Company—  
Abandonment Exemption – in Park County, WY*

Dear Sir or Madam:

BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") plans on filing with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority in the above docket to abandon 0.11 miles of railroad line between Milepost 42.59 and Milepost 42.70 near Cody in Park County, Wyoming.

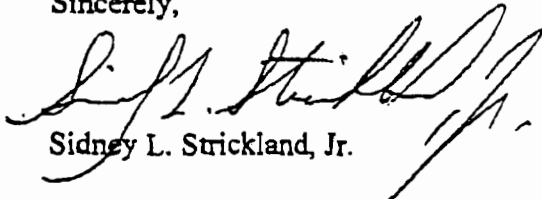
The proposed abandonment may require removal of bridges and structures and the removal of track materials such as rails and ties but the roadbed will be left intact.

As part of the environmental report, BNSF needs to know whether or not there are any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests in the proposed project impact area and if so, what effects would occur as a result of the abandonment.

For your reference, I have enclosed a map of the above referenced railroad line. Please provide this information to me by December 2, 2005. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 295-4024.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

Enclosure  
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The National Park Service reviewed this project, and determined that no parks will be affected; therefore, we have no comments.

Signed Cheryl Eckhardt Date: 12/8/05